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April 14, 2008

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Anne K. Quinlan, Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Section of Environmental Analysis
395 East, S.W., Room 1149
Washington, DC 20024

**RE: Docket No. AB-33(Sub-No.175X), Union Pacific Railroad Company -
Abandonment Exemption - - In Hamilton County, Iowa (Ellsworth Industrial
Lead)**

Dear Ms. Quinlan:

Union Pacific Railroad Company ("Union Pacific") has received the attached request from the Iowa Trails Council dated April 8, 2008, for an additional 180-day extension in which to complete negotiations for the requisition under the provisions of 16 U.S.C. § 1247(d) and 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29 regarding that portion of the Union Pacific right-of-way known as the Ellsworth Industrial Lead from M. P. 0.0 near Jewell to the end of the track at M. P. 3.2 at Ellsworth, a distance of 3.2 miles in Hamilton County, Iowa (the "Line").

At this time, Union Pacific is willing to continue negotiating with the Iowa Trails Council concerning the acquisition of the subject property for trail use and supports the Council's request a 180-day extension of the negotiation period. A copy of the Iowa Trails Council's request dated April 8, 2008 is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and hereby made a part hereof.

Ten (10) additional copies of this letter with exhibits are enclosed for the Board's use and distribution.

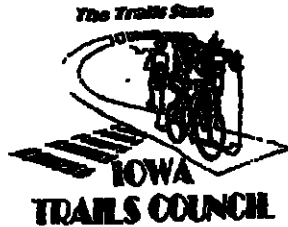
Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mack H. Shumate, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

Mack H. Shumate, Jr.

Enclosures

cc: Tom F. Neenan
Iowa Trails Council



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April 8, 2008

Mr. Vernon Williams
Surface Transportation Board
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Re AB 33 (Sub No. 175X)

Dear Secretary Williams

We have not been able to complete the acquisition of the 3.2 mile Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way between Jewell and Ellsworth in Hamilton County, Iowa, for conversion to a trail within the time allotted. We are therefore requesting that we be given another 180 day period in which to finalize an agreement for this acquisition

We are providing ten copies of this letter for distribution and a copy of this letter is being forwarded today to both the Chicago and Omaha offices of the Union Pacific Railroad, asking that they concur in this.

We will appreciate the granting of this request.

Sincerely,

Tom F. Neenan

